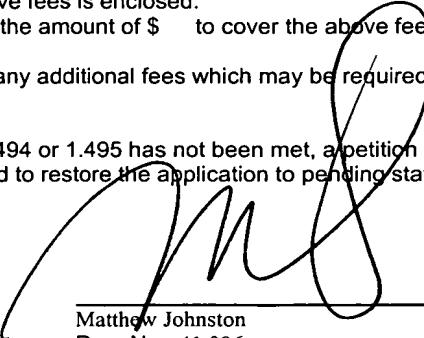


FORM PTO-1390 (REV 5-93)	U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. 8215.150
TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371		DATE: June 21, 2005
		U.S. APPLN. NO. 10/154005 (IF KNOWN, SEE 37 CFR 1.5)
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/JP2003/016668	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE December 25, 2003	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED December 26, 2002
TITLE OF INVENTION: FLEXIBLE TUBE		
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US: Masao TAIRA and Michisada KUMASAKI		
<p>1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.</p> <p>2. <input type="checkbox"/> This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.</p> <p>3. <input type="checkbox"/> This is an express request to begin national examination procedures [35 U.S.C. 371(f)]. The submission must include items 5, 6, 9 and 21 indicated below.</p> <p>4. <input type="checkbox"/> The US has been elected (Article 31).</p> <p>5. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed [35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)] a. <input type="checkbox"/> is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau). b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> has been transmitted by the International Bureau. c. <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).</p> <p>6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the International Application as filed [35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)]. a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto. b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been previously submitted under 35 USC 154(d)(4).</p> <p>7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 [35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)] a. <input type="checkbox"/> are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau). b. <input type="checkbox"/> have been transmitted by the International Bureau. c. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired. d. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made.</p> <p>8. <input type="checkbox"/> An English-language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 [35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)].</p> <p>9. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) [35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)].</p> <p>10. <input type="checkbox"/> An English-language translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 [35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)].</p> <p>11. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. 1.97 and 1.98.</p> <p>12. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 3.28 and 3.31 is included.</p> <p>13. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A FIRST preliminary amendment. <input type="checkbox"/> A SECOND or SUBSEQUENT preliminary amendment.</p> <p>14. <input type="checkbox"/> An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76.</p> <p>15. <input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification.</p> <p>16. <input type="checkbox"/> A change of power of attorney and/or address letter.</p> <p>17. <input type="checkbox"/> A computer readable form of the sequence listing.</p> <p>18. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the published International application.</p> <p>19. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the English language translation of the international application.</p> <p>20. <input type="checkbox"/> Other.</p>		

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21. The following fees are submitted:					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> a) Basic national fee..... \$ 300.00				\$ 300.00	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> b) Examination fee..... \$ 200.00				\$ 200.00	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> c) Search fee..... \$ 500.00				\$ 500.00	
TOTAL FO ABOVE CALUCATIONS =		\$1000.00		\$ 1000.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> Additional fee for specification and drawings filed in paper over 100 sheets. The fee is \$250.00 for each additional 50 sheets of paper or fraction thereof.					
Total Sheets	Extra Sheets	Number of each additional 50 or fraction thereof (round up to a whole number)	Rate		
-100 =	/50=		X \$250	\$ 0	
Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than <input type="checkbox"/> 20 <input type="checkbox"/> 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date [37 C.F.R. 1.492(e)].				\$ 0	
Claims	Number Filed	Number Extra	Rate		
Total Claims	18 - 20 =	0	X \$ 50.00	\$ 0	
Independent Claims	1 - 3 =	0	X \$200.00	\$ 0	
Multiple dependent claim(s) (if applicable)		+ \$360.00		\$ 0	
TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =				\$ 1000.00	
Reduction by one-half for filing by small entity, if applicable. - Verified Small Entity statement must also be filed. (Note 37 C.F.R. 1.9, 1.27, 1.28).-				\$ 0	
SUBTOTAL =				\$ 1000.00	
Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later the <input type="checkbox"/> 20 <input type="checkbox"/> 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date [37 C.F.R. 1.492(f)]. +				\$ 0	
TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =				\$ 1000.00	
Fee for recording the enclosed assignment [37 C.F.R. 1.21(h)]. The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 C.F.R. 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property +				\$ 40	
TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED =				\$ 1040.00	
				Charged	\$ 1040.00
<p>a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of \$1040.00 to cover the above fees is enclosed. b. <input type="checkbox"/> Please charge my Deposit Account No. 50-0548 in the amount of \$ to cover the above fee A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0548.</p>					
<p>NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 C.F.R. 1.494 or 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive [37 C.F.R. 1.137(a) or (b)] must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.</p>					
<p>SEND ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO: BERENATO, WHITE & STAVISH 6550 Rock Spring Drive, Suite 240, Bethesda, Maryland 20817 Tel: (301) 896-0600 Fax: (301) 896-0607</p>					
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